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## SCHUMANN-HEINK *and* GENERAL PATTON

## THEIR SPIRIT RETURN *at* CHESTERFIELD *on* ETTA BLEDSOE DAY

**Described by**

Juliette Ewing Greeaves

Today, as never before, man is seeking knowledge. Faith has not satisfied him. Religion has not satisfied him. Science is interesting him, as is witnessed by the great crowds thronging to *Camp Chesterfield, Chesterfield, Indiana.* At this camp each summer, during July and August, scientific demonstrations of physical phenomena bring proof positive that man lives after death and, under certain conditions, can communicate with the earth-plane.

For many years, during her earth life, *Etta S. Bledsoe* opened a month's engagement at *Camp Chesterfield* on the first Sunday in August.

### *Laughton—The Medium*

Since her passing into the spirit world, she has continued to address the audience assembled on this first Sunday. Her spirit voice is heard through the mediumship of *James Laughton,* pastor of the *First Spiritualist Episcopal Church,* Detroit, Michigan.

Again this August 4th, she came to fulfil her promise—"*I will come again and again—I will come to prove immortality.*"

Seekers for knowledge want *proof* for truth. How do *we* know what is truth? Truth is proven *by repitition.* What happens once might be an accident, but what continues to happen under the same laws and conditions *proves itself.*

*Mable Riffle,* Camp Chesterfield Secretary, requested me to serve as chairlady and told me to establish strict test conditions agreeable to strangers and skeptics who had not witnessed the demonstration other years.

### *Reason for Cabinet*

Every seat in the great auditorium, seating nearly 2000 people, was filled. Extra chairs were placed in the aisles to accommodate the overflow, and all available space was crowded with those who were willing to stand for hours just to hear the spirit voice of *Etta Bledsoe.*

I explained to the audience the reason for the cabinet which was placed in the center of the rostrum.

To produce spirit voices in earth vibration so they will be heard, a voice-box of ectoplasmic substance —extracted from the medium's body—must be used. This was the procedure in Mrs. Bledsoe's case and when such substance is used, spirit intelligence can speak so as to be heard. Consequently, the cabinet must be completely closed because ectoplasm dissipates when exposed to light rays.

After these explanatory remarks, I asked complete strangers,—preferably those who had never witnessed a Bledsoe demonstration, to raise their hands. Thusly the test committee was chosen.

Amongst the selected group, there was a radio and electronic engineer. He tested and traced the wires connected to the microphone and loud speaker. After a thorough examination of the rostrum, cabinet, chair, microphone et cetera, the following statement was signed: (Original held in files of PSYCHIC OBSERVER).

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Camp Chesterfield
Chesterfield, Indiana.
Aug. 4, 1946

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We, the undersigned, do hereby attest that we have thoroughly examined the cabinet on the rostrum of the auditorium as well as the rostrum itself, and have found no mechanical contrivances or other instruments by which any voice could be produced or carried except the public address system microphone which is used to magnify and carry the speaker's voice throughout the entire auditorium.

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After the examination was completed, the committee filed to their seats. Then the mediums who were scheduled to participate in the service came to the rostrum; they were: James *Laughton,* Mable *Riffle* and Clifford *Bias.* At this time, Mr. Laughton was introduced.

Mr. Laughton greeted the audience and expressed his willingness to surrender himself for the experiment, and then retired to the cabinet. Mrs. Riffle, Mr. Bias and I stepped to one side and took seats on the rostrum.

A deep silence enveloped the audience, and out of the land of spirit, the etheric voice of *Etta S. Bledsoe* once again, in her inimitable style, spoke.

### *What Etta Said . . .*

She began by saying and these are her exact words: "*This is Etta S. Bledsoe once again coming from the world of spirit. I feel compassion and bring love to all. I have come to touch all of my old friends and also the new friends who have come here since I passed out of your midst.*

"*I have come to prove immortality. I realize the sadness and grief that has been brought about by the horrors and anguish of war. There are still many bleeding hearts amongst you,—hearts that are not yet healed from the sorrow of war—and I say to you from the world of spirit, your sons, sweethearts and brothers live, and are with you here this afternoon.*

"*They greet you with love and a new understanding of life. They entreat you to be cheerful and resume your normal activities as in spirit there is no separation as the bond of love and cheer grows stronger day by day. So dear ones, I have with me your friends who are going to greet you from this country of the soul.*"

"*Many of you gathered here this afternoon are anxious to hear a word of consolation and to touch the consciousness of God and the archangels who are descending upon the hearts of men. I must speak rapidly for there are many of your angel friends who want to*

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*Thousands Witness The Dramatic Return of Our Famous General and This Noted Singer*





*George S. Patton, Jr., American General (above) and Madame Ernestine Schumann-Heink, German contralto singer (Right).*

### *They Were Introduced By Etta S. Bledsoe*

"*Could their return, on the same occasion, bear any significance.*" This question may be asked repeatedly. The answer is: "*It could.*" When *Patton's* spirit voice was heard, it was a simple message of hope and a statement of fact to the mothers and fathers of those privileged to be in the audience at *Chesterfield. Patton's* spirit message was "*There is no death; they have not died.*"

On this same occasion, *Schumann-Heink's* spirit voice was also heard. Her message was the same but she was *German.* Naturally she was attracted by a lifelong friend in the audience but is there not a greater significance? Could it not be that those in spirit desired, above all things, to exemplify brotherly love and a common bond . . . bringing the same message to all people, be they friend or foe.

## WHEN EARTH DOCTORS PASS AWAY THEY CONTINUE THEIR WORK IN THE SPIRIT WORLD

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***Commencing below, complete in this edition, is published a discourse, delivered by the spirit of a Physician many years ago. This physician manifested and spoke through the trance instrumentality of Cora L. V. Richmond, famous medium of her day. — ED.***

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*When the soul, breathing its true life upon the body, pervades and stamps it with its own image . . . there will be no more sickness, pain or (fear of) DEATH.*

Since the days of *Esculapius* medical science has been experimental.

There is a science of *anatomy;* there is a science of *physiology;* there is no science of *materia medica.* I learned this while upon the earth, for I graduated in one of the most reputable of medical colleges in a large city. I had such a practice as a young, studious physician would have. I had good opportunities in my profession, not only for enlarging my study and experience, but for discovering how foolish are the supposed remedies of materia medica.

Nevertheless, I was thoroughly conservative in my views, never rejecting, it is true, a new discovery when it was brought forth by sufficiently respectable authority. But I accepted no heresies. I did not believe in homeopathy; excepting as one of the natural remedial agents; and all ideas that were in vogue in my time concerning any possible aid to medical science from occult or other sources of that kind were utterly rejected by me.

### *Has Science Failed*

I came also to doubt my early religious training, my belief in a future life by direct contact with the human body, living and dead. The scalpel, the dissecting knife and the clinics must harden a man. Also the failure of science to discover any supreme remedy for disease made me distrust even the intellect of man, and I came to think that when the body dies it ends all.

I thought this, until illness came of a serious nature to my own household, taking as a victim my daughter, a young woman of unusual ability—not resembling her father, I assure you—and of beautiful person and rare mental promise.

As is customary among physicians, because one's mind can not be clear when a beloved one is in danger, I employed other counsel, and another, and another until six of the best physicians in our city were summoned, and I even sent to distant cities, but all in vain.

### *Few Understand*

Her malady increased; it was the most virulent attack of pneumonia—typhoid pneumonia.

In the course of her illness, in what I supposed to be delirium, she would give evidence of wonderful visions and intellectual attainment. She would give an address and give the name of some prominent orator; at another time she would ask for pencil and paper and write most beautiful lines of poetry.



Cora L. V. RICHMOND

Often, in what I supposed to be delirium, she gave evidence of artistic power which she herself, in health, did not possess. I said this is the result of disease.

There came the last hour of her mortal existence, when, with her mother's arms supporting her and I partially aiding, she said to me: "*Father, you have supposed that all that has come from me in this illness was the result of disease, of delirium; you have thought it was the fever preying upon the physical brain and wearing the life away; but a new world has been opened to me; it is opened to me now, and I shall soon be in that world away from my mortal body. I will tell you whom I now see.*"

She described a multitude of people, giving their names. Among them were people whom I had known, but had never mentioned to her as being known by me before; there were our relatives and friends and something from each that would designate their individuality and personal presence.

I had entire knowledge of psychology and mesmerism which were ascribed by me as a mere dream. But this that came to her and through her dying lips to me, made a new impression on my mind, such as had never been made concerning a future life since I was a youth.

### *Hypothesis Not Known*

She passed on; her mother fully accepted all that the child had said, believing that it was the work of God's love and of ministering angels to lead me back again to religious thought. I rejected that proposition, but said nothing. However I conned it o'er and o'er, and the more I thought of it, the less could I explain it on any hypothesis of physical malady.

It was not long before my life was ebbing away; no skill of the physicians could avail. I employed all of my own knowledge and

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# BLEDSOE DAY AT CHESTERFIELD

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*send a message to you. We have many outstanding celebrities who are also anxious to voice to you but before they speak, I will give a few messages from your loved ones."*

Then, in her characteristic style, well remembered by thousands who have received messages from this great medium, during her earth life, the following messages were given with great rapidity:

*Lily McGory*—Lily, it is your Mother and Father who come in all their joy. I know *Lily Minnie Massey*—I come to you today to demonstrate immortality.

### *Bledsoe's Messages*

Now, here is a group of spirits coming to *Ada McCormick. Ada McCormick*—One spirit gives the name of *Laura*, and with her is your father *William*. Also your wonderful grandson, who says *"don't worry about George. He will land safely."*

Another spirit calls for *Sarah Davis. Sarah Davis*—it is your mother. She says *"I am here. I shall always stand by your side. Your son also brings his love."*

*Irene Morgan, Edwin* is here. He says, *"I never stood before such an audience, but dear you are my only true audience."*

*Laura Spencer*—they send you love and tenderness this afternoon. They are guiding your every footstep. Know that in the twilight hours, I too, shall come and greet you.

*Lulu Melcham* — Hello. Your blessed sister *Mollie*—also *Aunt Schwibe* (??). We come this most memorable afternoon to bring all of our love to you.

A man is here calling for his daughter *Ann*. It is *Dr. Sherwood* and *Bob*, who come to you in all their glory this afternoon.

### *Evidential Communications*

I am now speaking for a woman —*Mother Kelsmore* who greets *John*.

The *Millers* are here and the beautiful spirit of *Gloria*. I used to talk in *Springfield* when I went there for my own work in truth.

A woman comes to *Dr. John Wade. "Hello, John, this is Georgia. I am immortal in the Kingdom of God. I am here to touch you, John."* She has with her *Lillian's* sister. The name sounds like *Kate McKinley*.

Here is *Charlie Horn*, an old cattle man who comes to assure you that he lives on. You will remember the last words he said to you. *"I will be back and we will have a game of golf together."*

A lady is calling *William Pemberton. "Go on, William, do not let Milwaukee die. I shall ever bless you. I also come to Gussie."*

Here is a man who is anxious to reach his good wife, *Molly. "Hello—this is George and your Mother and Father are here. Molly, this is Dr. Black Shearer. Thank you for your wonderful faith. You know the truth."* And, too, here is your sister *Nellie*.

### *They All Come Back*

Here is another group of spirits —several sisters—*"Hello Oliver Bird."* All of your sisters are here —*Lydia, Emma, Elizabeth, Isabel* and *Maribel*. They are all here together at my side. I am still visiting your home, and send my love to you.

This is *Will Gateman*, coming to mother *Emma*. We are helping you and giving you strength. How good it is to greet you.

*Vivian Getting*—this is Jim. *"I will always be with you."* The operation was successful. A boy comes. He is your son. He says *"Heaven is a beautiful place."*

Calling *Claude McBride*—your mother *Emma* comes. She wants you to go on and know this glorious truth.

This is *Colonel Ram*. I am at your side daily. *Ann Anderson*, they are all blessing you.

*Isabella*, This is *Quincy* and they are all watching and guiding you from the threshold of eternity. A handsome young man says this is your son Jerry. *God bless* Jerry and *Isabella*. I am here with you and want you to know I am not *"dead."*

### *Schumann-Heink Speaks!*

Many spirit people are anxious to reach *William Peters. William*, this is *Etta Bledsoe*. I remember the wonderful things you did for me, and again I thank you. I am so glad to talk to you this afternoon. I am frequently with you. Once you waited a long time in the automobile while I went to the dressmakers. Many times you took me to catch the train in *Cleveland, Ohio*.

God bless you. *Dear William*, I shall never forget your kindness and I will always help you when I can.

For a few brief moments silence prevailed; then, very graciously, *Mrs. Bledsoe* introduced a guest—the great singer, *Madame Schumann-Heink*. The audience was amazed and then we heard: *"How do you do. I am Madame Schumann-Heink. It is a great opportunity to come here this afternoon. I greet my old friend, Madame Wittkowska. It has given me so much pleasure to come here and again touch you friends of earth. God Bless You."*

In a deep melodious voice, Madame Schumann-Heink sang *"I Love You Truly."*

When asked whether the *Schumann-Heink* communication had evidential value, *Madame Wittkowska* replied: *"The technique, and interpretation reflected the personality and individuality of my good friend Madame Schumann-Heink."*

*Marta Wittkowska*, a retired concert and grand opera singer has been the soloist at *Camp Chesterfield* for the past two seasons. Naturally, *Madame Schumann-Heink* spoke to her personally as *Madame Wittkowska* was a member of the *Chicago Grand Opera Company* and sang frequently on the same program with *Schumann-Heink* and *Caruso*.

### *General Patton's Message*

The audience was due for another surprise for Mrs. Bledsoe continued her message service by saying that a great man is here. One who served his country well, and one to whom a debt of gratitude is due,—*General George Patton*.

Following *Etta Bledsoe's* introduction, *General George Patton* said: *"I am happy to be here today. I am the one you called "Blood and Guts." I am no speaker, but I want to bring greetings to the mothers of the boys who came over during the war. Your lads are alive. There are generals and colonels on this side. Let me tell you—The Stars and Stripes are safe forever,—your boys are safe forever. Indeed, there is no death."*

At the conclusion of *General Patton's* cryptic speech, taps from the spirit realms were sounded. It was most impressive. Somehow, a spirit of deep reverence, bordering on sadness came over the audience. Not for long though.

The next guest to be introduced was *Sir Harry Lauder* who sang three sprightly scottish airs.

On the closing strain of *Sir Harry Lauder's* song, the beloved voice of *Etta S. Bledsoe* bade her children farewell. These were her exact words:

### *"I Will Come Again"*

*"So dear children, we want you to feel and know that we are near you this special Bledsoe day. I will come to you year after year. Remember children, I might visit your home or seance but not as a personal guide to any living mortal. I come to all as a universal spirit, but not as an individual guide to any one person.*

*"The message I bring, and the truth I demonstrate is this—THERE IS NO DEATH—ever remember the age old truth, man is an immortal spirit. Bless you my children. Know that I shall ever come. Know that I shall ever do my part. Stand by your religion. So, now dear friends, I will leave you. This is Etta S. Bledsoe saying farewell to all."*

*Etta Bledsoe is proving the* teachings of *Jesus—"In my Fathers House are Many Mansions. I go to prepare a place for you."*

During her earth life this great medium and teacher guided and led thousands of devoted students and again Sunday, August 4th, 1946 she came *to bring the knowledge that man is seeking . . .* she came *to fan the embers of a faith that sometimes weakens*, and she came *to scientifically prove that man is an immortal spirit.*

## *CHESTERFIELD MEDIUMS GATHER FOR GROVE SERVICE*



*The picture above was taken during the recent summer sessions at Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp, Chesterfield, Indiana. Each evening, at 6:30 P. M., twilight services are held at this rock pulpit in the grove; lectures and demonstrations of clairvoyance are given by official staff mediums affiliated with Camp Chesterfield.*

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*Spiritualism's Psychic Reporter*

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He is the author of two books, "Give Me Liberty" and "Scare Me." He is an author's agent, with offices in New York City, 545 Fifth Ave.

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According to an old axiom of journalism, a reporter should never *imagine* . . . but only *observe*. Thus, there were no distorted expectations to discolor true observations of your *Psychic Reporter* who this summer for the first time, visited *Lily Dale* that "*Garden-of-Eden*" colony of life, liberty and the pursuit of Spiritualistic happiness.

First impressions are usually physical . . . the fragrance of the foliage—the taste of fresh air—the feel of cool elevation — the sound of quietude and the sight of natural beauty and scenic construction.

Of course, I found Lily Dale like every good Spiritualist assembly, showing a variety of thoughts as to methods of spirit contact. Such variety makes for healthy consciousness. There is always stagnation where all people in a community are forced to think alike on methods.

### *I Visit "The Observer"*

The wheel of brotherhood or sisterhood is a better wheel, where there are many spokes touching the rim on life's highway but all converging to the hub of *Spiritual awareness*. That unity makes any wheel of peace and good-will, go round. Only when good-will is distorted by petty animosities, does *Spiritualism* or any religion or philosophy, suffer.

Several hundred yards before one reaches the welcome gate of *Lily Dale Assembly* with its human *Saint Peter* on guard, a road sign (which in itself is a work of art) advises one that the *Psychic Observer, Spiritualism's Pictorial Journal,* lies just ahead and is waiting to receive any visitor who comes to seek light and understanding.

And one is not disappointed, for nestled in the bosom of Lily Dale's Melrose Park like a favorite child, is the home and office and cozy book-store of the *Psychic Observer* and *Dale News, Inc.,* each under the direction of *Juliette Ewing* and *Ralph G. Pressing,* crusaders who have their hearts and souls in the interest of Spiritualism's verities, and who have made this slogan a reality: "*Truth for authority — not authority for Truth.*

### *Psychic Observer Book Shop*

And one smiles to see a delivery truck parked at the east end of the *Psychic Observer Office* — the only truck in the world that carries with proud letters, the word "*Spiritualism,*" and defying any ridicule of a commercial universe.

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### *"Mysteries and Majesties"*

On the third floor there is a sanctum-sanctorum and a seance room. In the north-room which is a trophy room fit for a temple of Spiritualism, is the heart of a public-address system where records can be broadcast from a near-by plaza and heard throughout the entire camp, supplying noon hour harmony and supper music one might expect in some futuristic *Garden of Eden.*

It would take a book to properly describe and tabulate the rare psychic pictures, slates, drawings, apports and Spiritualist trophies of all types and out-of-print publications that make a shrine out of the upstairs sanctuary.

Summer or winter the headquarters of the *Psychic Observer* is a mecca for wayfarers on the high-way of Spiritualism; for no one has seen the tops until he or she has *observed the Observer* and its associates in person and property. *I came, I saw* and I know I have *conquered* all doubt in things spiritualistic. I feel now like one who has witnessed the "*mysteries and majesties*" of spirit lore.

### *Flo Cottrell*

One of the outstanding thrills was to explore the famous *Fox Cottage,* completely furnished and occupied by medium *Flo Cottrell* who has the same phase of mediumship as the *Fox Sisters.* Strange as the knocks were that followed *Miss Cottrell* from one corner of the cottage to another—they emanated, by their velveted pounding — a personality of friendliness and spiritual fellowship.

*Flo Cottrell's* control called "*Uncle Ike,*" is certainly a jovial fellow as he answers questions with one knock for "*no*" — two knocks for "*uncertain*" and three knocks for "*yes.*"

Although reporters or authors should be read and not heard—I was prevailed upon to lecture in the large auditorium on *Community Club Day,* and I wish to thank those courteous listeners who so kindly endured my report on scientific progress of spiritology—my pet term for *Spiritualism.*

### *Auroratone Presentation*

Frankly, like the others, I was anxious to hear that great clairvoyant who followed me, *Frederick Nicholson* whose noted spirit collaborator, a *Dr. Hazelwood,* enabled *Nicholson* to give one of the finest platform demonstrations of message bearing (from the standpoint of showmanship and mediumship) that I have ever witnessed in my thirty years of psychic reporting.

Of course, the AURORATONE demonstration of celestial colors blending with heavenly singing by *Bing Crosby* and *John Charles Thomas,* was something out of this world. Those who have never enjoyed the *Auroratone* healing music and color harmony, have not had a glimpse into one corner of heaven. This reporter humbly takes off his hat to *Cecil Stokes* of Hollywood California, the creator of "*God's instrument and aid to psychic appreciation — the Auroratone.*"

*Joyce Kilmer,* the great American poet, wrote: "*Poems are made by fools like me, but only God can make a tree.*" And when I gazed at the giant trees in Lily Dale's Eden spot *Leolyn Woods,* I myself as somewhat of a poet in my last book GIVE ME LIBERTY, agreed with *Kilmer* wholeheartedly.

### *Lily Dale's History*

*Leolyn Woods* is one of the few remaining virgin forests in America, which were old even when *Columbus* landed. The mighty pines reminded me of young brothers of the *California Redwoods* . . . timber skyscrapers lifting their arm to God, as pigmy men beneath them realize their own insignificance.

Deep in the woods one finds an open auditorium, called *Inspiration Stump* where no pipe-organ could compete with the natural symphony of birds of that sanctuary. Just as the vision of the *Mother of Christ* brought spiritual sanction to *Lourdes* in France, so did the vision of "*Leolyn*" the spirit daughter of *Mrs. Pettingill* many years ago, make possible the Lily Dale colony of spirit consciousness and happiness.

And one must not overlook the *Pet Cemetery* in *Leolyn Woods,* a tribute to sentiment and human love for animals which can be found a part of Heaven too.

*VISITORS ASSEMBLE ON PSYCHIC OBSERVER'S PATIO*



*Psychic Observer*

The picture above was taken at Lily Dale, N. Y. It shows the front entrance to the offices of Psychic Observer. The editors are seated on the patio, facing Melrose Park, talking to some of the visitors.

### *Lily Dale mediums*

Space does not permit mention of all observations in Lily Dale, such as *P.L.O.A. Keeler,* master slate-writer of fame; the psychic drawings in pastel shades for ideal stained-gass windows, by *Mrs. Chares W. Young;* the conversational wisdom of *Agnes Evans* that veteran receptionist; the experiences of that man of the world, 82 year old *Fred W. Foote* of Lily Dale's Pagoda; and the wonderful philosophy delivered by the spirit guide of *Dorothy Maxwell,* trumpet medium.

And orchids of praise to *Silence is Golden Tom Frawley,* President of the Community Club, who when called upon at the afternoon session in the auditorium, politely arose, bowed gracefully and then sat down, proving himself a master of self-control.

And more orchids to the following: "*Bud*" *Themelis* and his genuine comradeship; the natural dignity and graciousness of medium *Albert Vaughn Strode;* the faith of medium *Teresa R. Hayden;* the superb billet reading and clairvoyance of *Bertha Marx,* the ability of medium *M. McBride Panton;* the generosity of medium *Alma Moser* who gave homemade cookies to passing children as your reporter's mouth watered in vain; the great collection of books in the *Marion H. Skidmore Library,* a building worthy of respect in the greatest of universities.

### *Hammond's Psychic Pictures*

And then I recall the philosophy of medium and mother of a medium, *Leota B. Maxwell,* a person any young man or girl would be proud to call "*mother*"; the unselfish praise to others who are trying to do their part, by medium *Bernard Rodin;* The excellent master of ceremonies *Robert Macdonald;* the exquisite setting of *Forest Temple,* a real place of worship, and open-air auditorium; the fine looking kids of Lily Dale, and their good behavior and courtesy toward adults; the excellent singing of soloist *Arthur Myers,* built like a Greek God of physical strength; and the hospitality of the Pressings.

Honorable mention goes to *William Elliott Hammond* for his naive portraits of *Christ,* and which gleam in the dark due to a radio-active product in the paints used. The two portraits. "*The Healing Christ*" and "*The Risen Christ*" done by psychic inspiration; when exposed to a purple or black-light bulb and also to a flashlight for a few seconds, stand out in the dark like glorious stained-glass windows at high noon.

It is no wonder *Mr. Hammond* does not like a dark room seance and looks forward to the day when all seances can be held in the light. But your humble reporter is one who is more patient with things as they are. Just for a moment consider all the beautiful photography of art and motion pictures the world would have missed, had photographers stubbornly waited until science had made it possible to develop film in the light and had refused to take advantage of the "*dark room*" which is so indispensable in present day photography.

### *Lily Dale's Opportunities*

So also in Spiritualism, we must make the most of what we have, else we must stand the penalty of the neglected talents which Christ so condemned. Meanwhile we can pray for the day when God will reveal the secrets, and there shall be no more darkness.

At least let us have faith and courage and willingness to seek, even in the dark—and not just sit back and pray and waste our talents as some do, or condemn those who venture forth before the sunrise lights their path. God gave us the North Star and the Moon to guide those who have courage to serve in the night. May our prayer be the prayer of service: "*God help us to help ourselves.*"

Lily Dale has a great opportunity for service to all mankind as well as Spiritualists, if she makes full use of all her talents and her blessings in the new atomic age when *Spiritualism* must come into its own, or else the world will perish. That reponsibility is great. We must not grow complacent. *God is marching on. And the banner is SPIRIT . . . and Good-Will.*


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# DOCTORS IN SPIRIT SPHERES

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all the knowledge of my friends who were physicians; yet I knew precisely the time it would require for the disease to take its course, and it did.

But that for which I was not prepared was, that in my own case there came almost a similar experience to that which came to my daughter. I was perfectly conscious, yet I beheld these beings. They were beings that had lived upon the earth and whom I had known. I also gave to my wife descriptions of them; and there were times when animated by their presence I would speak fluently on subjects with which I was not familiar.

*What I Found*

At last the gates flew open and I was admitted into the presence of my daughter, and there were many of my friends. It was as though a morning had burst forth in the midst of the night. It was as though a great luminous glory had come into my existence after it had been shadowed. It was as one might awaken from a dream into a real existence. But was I dead? My laboratory, my study, my place of experiment, my patients, all were gone.

I had devoted my life to my profession and my family. I had some of my family with me, but what of my profession? I found no schools, universities or other institutions like those on earth. I found that there seemed to be no necessity for what was my profession.

I had no spiritual knowledge or especial instructions. I said: *"In this new world, this realm, are there not those who are ill, who require medical aid?"*

One, who was a friend and much of a philosopher even in the earthly state, said to be: *"There is much need of physicians here, but not of materia medica."*

*"How, then, can I heal or cure the sick, unless there is medicine?"* *"You will presently see,"* said my friend, who proved also to be my instructor. He soon conducted me through several states of spirit existence, which I will attempt to describe.

*Mental Perversion*

I saw shadowed people who seemed to be deformed in their appearance like many subjects or patients I had treated in earthly hospitals, excepting their deformity was of a peculiar nature; it related not so much to their external appearance, though it affected that, but it seemed to be inward, and whatever shadow was upon the mind or spirit seemed to change their appearance.

To my surprise, I saw some whom I had known in earth life as possessing very fair physical appearances, but who were there deformed. I said, *"Explain this to me; such an one was not deformed in earth life."*

*"Oh,"* said he, *"that deformity is the result of mental and moral perversion. Wherever there is moral perversion it affects the spiritual appearance."*

*Self-Conscious Malady*

Then as I passed on I saw what seemed to be a large company of men apparently doing nothing, yet they were moving about with a great deal of egotism, were considering themselves with apparently a great deal of consequence, but I could see that they were feeble; they had no power; they seemed to be in many instances combating with the shadows. I said: *"Who are these apparently in such good condition, and why are they so feeble?"*

He said: *"These are those who, like yourself, had much earthly knowledge but very little wisdom. They had knowledge of material science and were somewhat proud of their professions, but they lacked the kindliness that you possessed in your profession. They followed their professions exclusively for the intellectual attainment or exclusively for gain."*

*"But,"* I said, *"are they ill, very ill?"*

He replied: *"They are ill with the malady of self-consciousness, self-importance, and of learning merely. The technical knowledge which they possessed is not of any value on this side of life, since they are differently related to matter. But the first healing must be with them."*

I passed on to where there seemed to be those who were receiving much attention, and still I could discover, as a physician I thought, no special malady, and I said, *"Who are these?"*

*"Oh, these are those afflicted with criminal desires and wishes while in earth life, which, nevertheless, were perhaps not expressed, but having sway over minds and spirits of men corrupted them spiritually in the first place, and these must be treated for this malady."*

*Suffering From Remorse*

I entered another place, where I saw people whom I had known in their professions of doctors of law, jurists and doctors of divinity. I said, *"Are these men afflicted with any malady here? I know they suffered the physical conditions through which they passed from earth life, but surely the disease from which they passed away is not with them?"*

*"Oh, no; they are not suffering with any physical malady. But that judge,"* pointing to one whom I had known, *"is suffering from remorse because of an unjust decision. That doctor of divinity is suffering from a similar state of mind, because of the creed that he inculcated in many lives which he had found to be erroneous; and another I see over there, who was mentioned as a great philosopher and doctor of law, and science, is suffering from spiritual inactivity since he made matter his god, and he has not recovered his equilibrium here."*

*Moral Infirmity*

I passed through many states, and saw many minds that seemed to be receiving different kinds of attention and instruction, and he said: *"These people do not know they are invalids, they are not made aware that they are receiving especial treatment. We treat them for such maladies of mind, or conscience, or spiritual lack as we perceive, yet we do not make ourselves appear above them, or appear in any way beyond them, because that in itself is an oppression. Whatever they lack we are made to perceive it; and into this great sphere of healing where you have been admitted, all states and conditions of human life where there is a morbid state of mind, where there is spiritual lack, where there is moral infirmity, where there is lack of spiritual unfoldment, all are received."*

*Feeling of Humiliation*

Then, I said, *"How many people that pass from earthly life to spirit life are exempt from this condition?"*

*"Very few,"* said my instructor.

*"Can I do anything here?"* I said. *"It is true that I have very little knowledge of spiritual remedies; my knowledge of therapeutics extends only to material substance, but can I do anything?"*

*"Very much,"* my friend said. *"Because you ask I am free to express this to you, for you have the strength to bear it; you are one of my patients, and each patient can become stronger by giving help and assistance to others."*

With a partial start and great feeling of humiliation, I said: *"From what disease do you think I am suffering?"*

*"You are not suffering from any disease; perhaps it would be better if you were, but it is lack of spiritual awakening and regeneration. The mind has its material habits of thought. The spirit has been weighed down by its lack of knowledge of spiritual things, and you even desired when your daughter passed on and was admitted to the visions of this realm, to claim that it was her human disease.*

*What of the Brooders?*

*"My friend, you have been diseased spiritually more years than your body has been afflicted, and it is that disease that prevents clear perception and more knowledge of this spirit life."*

I then discovered that my volition seemed to be impaired compared to his. He seemed to have great power over all these people. At his approach they brightened up and took on different conditions. Each one seemed to be adjusted to some especial work in ministering to one another, so that they outgrew their own conditions.

I saw one sitting apart from the others, who seemed to be brooding and brooding. I said, *"What is the matter with him?"* My instructor told me to ask him. I said, *"How shall I ask him?"*

*"Ask him as you would ask any one whom you might approach."*

*Sympathy Is Essential*

Then I spoke to him, but he did not answer. I tried to enter into conversation or communication with him, but he made no response. I looked into his face; he did not, seemingly, see me. Returning to my instructor, or he to me, I said: *"But I cannot make him hear me. Is he deaf? I cannot make him see me, is he blind?"*

*"No, he is neither deaf nor blind, but you lack the essential thing to make him see you, the essential thing to make him hear you. You must remember that this is a realm where optics is not the only law of sight, where vibration is not the only law of hearing and perception."*

*"Then how shall I make him hear me and see me?"*

*"You lack the essential quality of sympathy. There is but one way that spirits communicate with each other, and that is by the law of sympathy and adaptation. Your intellectual methods could no more reach him than if you or he were adamant; you cannot enter his sphere of consciousness because you choose to know his state of mind.*

*"You could ask him but you could not make him see or hear you, unless you could awaken a sympathetic chord."* My instructor passed to him, and straightway he

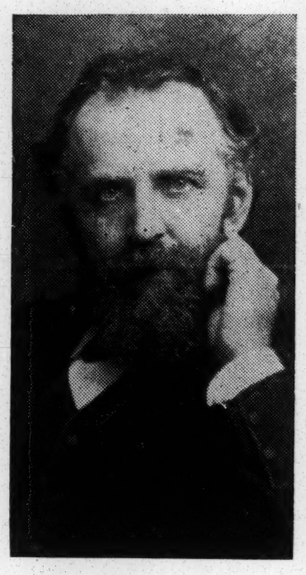
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*turned his eyes upon him, sad, but still upon him, and with a little more hope. When he looked at him there seemed to come from that countenance a most unutterable look of longing, almost of despair."*

He said: *"That man is in despair because of something he did while in human life; he now sees his great error and is trying to cure it, but he has not yet arrived at the consciousness that he cannot cure it by brooding over it. That is his condition, and it must be removed."*

### *A Cure for Remorse*

Then I saw something like a great flash, as a new feeling came over me and I said, *"Could I help him?"* *"Ah!"* said my friend, *"now the chord is struck, for you sympathize with his state; if you understand that he is not to be rebuked for his shortcomings, that he perceives them more than any one else.*

*"That which is to be cured is this remorse; it is a state that cannot be removed by brooding over it! If he was to torment himself for ages how could he undo it? You have struck the note in my heart. Tell him that you feel sad; that you have great sympathy for him. I will appoint you to try to restore him."*

Oh, friends! I had stood in the presence of human sickness. I had stood in the presence of those whose physical bodies had been nearly broken to pieces by accidents. I had perhaps felt, too, the responsibility of saving human lives, but I never felt my feebleness. I never felt my lack of ability as I felt it then.

### *New Meaning of Religion*

To have placed in my charge a human spirit whose only malady was beyond the possible reach of any science that I had ever attained, how could I reach a sin-sick, remorseful spirit? I thought of the hymns that my mother sung when I was a child, and of the power of that Savior, of whom she sung, to reach such souls.

I rejected the creed, but it now came to me with a different meaning. Perhaps it was the love of which she sung; perhaps there was something I had missed in that religion that was deeper and truer than I knew! Perhaps there was coming to me a new meaning of religion with strength, and I believed, I prayed.

I lifted my spirit in aspiration to the Infinite, to my instructor, to my tutor, who then again appeared to me, that I might help that one sorrowing spirit.

### *I Could No Undo*

As I thought thus, I drew nearer and nearer. He turned those inscrutably sad and longing eyes upon me, then recognizing my interest and sympathy, the look changed as much as to say, *'What can you do for me?"*

I then found myself entering into conversation with him. Now do not misunderstand me; I do not believe there was a sound between us. There was no vibration, such as is made upon this earthly air when any sound is produced that is audible to the human ear, as I uttered these words, but he seemed to know my thoughts, seemed to know my sympathy. He said, in response, or he thought in response: *"That which I have done I cannot undo."*

*"But,"* I said, *"if you cannot undo that particular thing you can still help others."*

*"There may be those whom you can aid; perhaps even those whom you think you have wronged, you may be able to aid, for there is always some one who is in sorrow; try to comfort that one."*

### *Remorseful Confession*

I said: *"Can you think of no one human life or in spirit life whom it would be possible for you to aid, who would be more glad because of your presence, whom you could reach as you are speaking or thinking with me?"*

His face changed as if he was studying. I said, *"think that he is near, for I am sure that is the way."* Presently, without my thinking or knowing what he thought, we both stood beside a human being, one whom I had not known at all, but whom he evidently knew.

I could feel that his remorseful confession was going out to that human being with all the throbbing of a very intense nature, and the effect upon the mortal was such as to produce sobbing and almost convulsions.

I said: *"That will not do; let it be lighter and more hopeful."*

*"How can I,"* he said, *"be hopeful?"*

*"But,"* said I *"for the sake of the one whom you are trying to aid, let it be hopeful and helpful."*

### *The "Great Awakening"*

He seemed to match my spirit, and even my thought reached the one whom he was seeking to benefit. Then there was calmness, and a light as if there might be hope, something that thrilled toward him, a great throbbing of forgiveness for something that had been done. I felt that I could

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not enter into the sanctuary between those two lives.

But the spirit, feeling sure of that forgiveness from the mortal became more and more radiant than I had seen him. Then he drew still nearer and nearer as if to aid, and there came distinctly a thrill into that human life which had been despairing, a thrill of hope, *"Now,"* I said to him, *"you have your charge."* I felt that I could report to my instructor, that I had partially succeeded.

Time went on and we visited many places together; then other lives were given in my charge, though I almost longed to know from the very first if I could visit my earthly companions and friends. But I had passed out of their realm of thought apparently; of course they looked upon me as dead, thought of me as dead, and very considerately all my friends kindly forgot my shortcomings, and very charitably put me away somewhere in the cloister of their memories, as some one they would never see until that *"great awakening."*

### *Room for Knowledge*

My wife had some religious faith that she would meet me somewhere, that I had received some gift of Divine grace that would make me her companion in the heavenly land where she expected to go. I sought to make her know my presence, as my daughter did, and sometimes she almost realized it. But the great shadow of her theological training came between us. The sweet spirit of her religion, however, kept me near.

I then said to my instructor, *"Is there no room in all this realm for the kind of knowledge that I spent my life in obtaining and practicing?"*

He said: *"No room for your practice, as you see, but there is a great deal of room for your knowledge. Now you have knowledge of human anatomy, of human physiology! I will give you knowledge of human psychology, the relation of the spirit to the body, and you may become a true physician if you will."*

I did not feel that this was a great compliment to what I had been, at the same time I felt willing to learn. I said: *"Do you mean to say that there is nothing true in medical therapeutics?"*

*"Not at all here; even if it is true relatively, there is no truth in matter or material drugs at all; it is only their relation to human life, their adjustment to human conditions that makes them valuable at all. There may be certain specific poisons and their antidotes, but the antidote is just as liable to be poisonous to the condition of some individual. There is no science of therapeutics that can reach human life excepting the power of the spirit."*

### *Spiritual Healing*

*"Then,"* I said, *"what is that? How will it apply to healing of diseases?"*

*"It is the key to the healing of disease."*

*"But"*—and the old feeling of disgust came over me—*"you do not mean faith cure, or prayer cure, do you?"*

*"I mean,"* he said, *"whatever can set in motion the healing forces of the universe to the relief of human suffering. I mean whatever moves from the spirit side of life to heal disease, as in the case of Jesus and his disciples and hundreds and thousands of other people. I mean to say that which can act upon human existence so as to adjust the spirit to the body and thus to cure physical maladies by spirit power."*

Then I said: *"Do you mean to say that the system of human therapeutics that adopts a physical remedy for a physical disease is wrong?"*

### *Mind of the Patient*

*"No"* he said, "it is right as adjusted to human consciousness and human conditions in the past, but the world is entering into new conditions of thought, and the age is rising into new experiments and practice, and it is becoming perfectly true that the healing of diseases is possible without drugs.

"Not only are the agencies of the atmosphere and nature remedial, such as pure air and pure water, healthful food and hygienic life, but, and you as a physician know, from your life-long practice, that the mind of the patient as well as of the physician has very much to do in changing the symptoms and possibly in producing them."

I recalled many instances in my long practice, and I said, *"I do know it."*

Then he said: "I can even now tell you that this realm is the great realm of healing; that it acts upon human life by all those agencies that I have named; that there are powers constantly at work trying to reach human lives, and reaching them approximately by those spiritual methods.

### *Prayer Open the Door*

"Sometimes it is prayer that sets in motion the healing agencies of existence, for the Infinite is not particular as to what agencies shall be employed. Prayer opens the door-way to spiritual perception, and there is always response. You know, from scientific experiment, that whatever will set in motion those globules and nerve conditions that have been disturbed or are stagnant; whatever will cause the pulsation of the blood or the renewal of the nervous forces, must be a healing agent.

"Now a thought can do this; can it not cure as well as kill?

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# THE CARPET CAME TO ICELAND

## Drowned Girl Gave Correct Transport Information

*Communications Received On Ouija Board Prove Correct!*

By

HORACE LEAF, F.R.G.S.
(In Iceland)

In *Iceland*, *Spiritualism* is popular because there has been plenty of evidence to justify its claims. Take for example *Pall G. Thormar's experience* about the attractive carpet that graces the floor of his drawing-room. As a piece of evidence in favor of survival it must rank among the best, and might well be the one good thing that came out of a terrible tragedy.

Mr. Thormar was for many years one of Britains Vice-Consuls, a keen business man and himself something of a medium; not by design, but by nature.

His only daughter had gone to *Canada* and the *United States* on holiday to see as much of those countries as time and facility would permit. Having fulfilled her intention she sailed for home, and arrived at Rekjavik harbor, on November 10th, 1944.

### *Seance Evidence*

The ship was sunk by a German submarine when Miss Thormar was within sight of her home and she was drowned along with twenty other passengers.

While in America she had bought an attractive Persian carpet which, it was concluded, by her family, she had with her on the vessel when it was sunk, and they took it for granted that they would, in consequence, never see it.

But on the 13th of December, 1944, while Mr. Thormar and some members of his family were holding a seance and using an instrument similar to the Ouija Board, Miss Thormar purported to communicate from the Beyond, and straightaway said that the carpet had been left in New York.

At another seance on January 1st, 1945, she returned to the subject and said the carpet was coming to Rekjavik on the S.S. La*garfoss*" as she had discovered that that ship was destined to go no farther than *Halifax*.

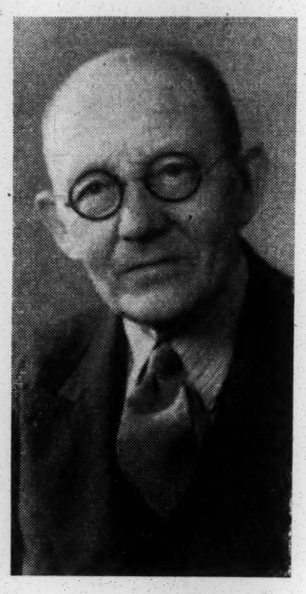
### *The "Lagarfoss"*

By now *Mr. Thormar's* interest had become so keen that he telephoned the shipping company asking whether the "Lagarfoss" had gone to New York, and was informed that this particular ship had gone only to *Halifax*.

He then communicated with a friend in *New York City*, asking him to try and find the carpet, but received no reply. Later he wrote a second friend with the same result. He then felt like giving the matter up as hopeless, when in May, 1945 he received a letter from the *American Consul* with a bill of lading for the carpet, which arrived safely shortly afterwards!

I have seen the carpet and can fully appreciate *Miss Thormar* in the *Spirit World* doing her utmost to let her family in *Iceland* enjoy the result of her purchase in the *United States*.

*Pall Thormar* has had other impressive proofs of spirit action, especially the curing of his son from what threatens to be a fatal disease. The unfortunate young man had entered the sanatarium suffering from tuberculosis. One evening the *Thormar* family were holding a seance in their house with a mediumistic friend who was unable to speak *English*.



**PALL G. THORMAR**
*Dead daughter told about carpet.*

To his surprise, *Mr. Thormar* had a clairvoyant vision of his son lying in his hospital bed, with a man dressed in white, like a medical doctor, leaning over him; but he knew that this man was a spirit.

Immediately afterwards the medium, in deep trance, spoke in perfect English, saying he was the spirit of a medical doctor who was so attached to *Mr. Thormar's* son that he was attending him, and would cure him. The son made a complete recovery and is today living a normal healthy life.


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We have access to any book ever recorded and I must say that many of the greatest books are largely records of the ideas given to the authors by experts from this side of life.

We can possess any toy we like. I have a boat and a replica of my favorite plane, but somehow the zest for these things wears away after a time. Let me tell you, too, that I am developing quite a good voice, and sing, sometimes, in tune with the other fellows.

I have been advised to develop my artistic nature, and therefore have taken up my fiddle again. I have played it frequently to you, and perhaps one day you will hear it.

### *Healing by Music*

The music here is very extraordinary. Sound plays a much greater and more important part in the world than any of you can realize. The first hint of this came when I watched you at the piano and saw the waves of color which vibrated into the room. Upon these waves of color we are able to draw very near to people.

There is also a great healing power in music which has yet to be classified. In time to come, I may be allowed to give you more detailed information about it. It is a most marvelous and necessary study.

My sister needs to learn more of the meaning of music, apart from its technical aspects. You seem to have learned much in the hours of rest. I am told that you possess a reservoir of sub-conscious knowledge which waits for us to supply the key.

### *Heavenly Harmonies*

It was my privilege, about Christmas time, to attend a concert given by some of the artists. They all met together in a natural hollow of the hills, and everyone who was invited sat around in the arena. I was able not only to listen to the music, but to watch the most wonderful display of color.

Clouds of color vibrated from the musicians and slowly gathering into a great cloud, spread bands of radiance over the whole area. Such music I had never dreamed to hear, nor such combinations of harmony.

After a time, I heard people approaching, and turned, amazed that anyone should disturb such heavenly harmonies. To my surprise, I saw the guardian helpers bringing in a host of sick people, who were laid upon the grass and there the music clouds descended in healing upon them.

### *An Expert on Sound*

Visualize the scene, if you can. The great hills, the opening in which the musicians were assembled, and then the arena in which the guests were gathered. Then all around us hosts upon hosts of sick people. I was told that these were sick souls, who needed a master touch to awaken in them a new sense of life. The music continued till I felt washed through and through with bliss and peace.

*Ram-a-din* is an expert on sound, and he afterwards explained that I had been shown an example of how God speaks, not in one voice, but in many voices, through all things which have tongue by which to make sound.

There are millions who do not know their beautiful heritage. Someone should teach the power of the human voice to bless and heal. In this concert many of the singers came from a land I have not as yet seen. They wore clothes different from ours, and an *aureole* of light around their heads. I am told that there are many orders of spirits, and that these are those who learn to create beauty by the sound of their voices.

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### *Bevin's "Psychic Center"*

The new home of *Ernest Bevin* and future Foreign Secretaries, in Carlton Gardens, according to the "*Star*" was once owned by *Lieut.-Colonel Sir Walter Gibbons,* who made it a *center for Spiritualist seances.*

### *Do You Know Her?*

A letter from *A. Brown,* 30 Myrtle Ave., Montclair, N. J., asks the whereabouts of one *Madam Zawadski,* who, with a *Mrs. Antoleck,* held meetings on Springfield Ave., Newark, N. J., about ten years ago. Should you have information regarding this woman, please communicate direct with A. Brown.

### *Deirks Passes Away*

For the past number of years, *Rev. Samuel Deirks* has been secretary and treasurer of the *Temple of Harmony,* Spiritualist Church, Inc., 7 West First St., Denver, Colorado. Today we received a note from *Allen J. Miller,* church president, to the effect that *Rev. Deirks* has passed to spirit and that they are looking for someone to fill the vacancy.

### *"A Wizard in Italy*

London's "*Psychic News*" reports the claims of 1 year old *Anthony Costa,* a slim Italian schoolboy, who is attracting to the small town of *Abbiategrasso,* near *Milan,* visitors from all parts of Italy.

These people bring with them pictures of missing loved ones and they believe young Costa, known locally as the "*Wizard,*" can tell them whether the originals of the photos are alive or dead. If he says the person is alive, *Costa* tells approximately *where* he is and what he is doing.

The "*Wizard,*" with his eyes bandaged, places his hand on the photograph and gives the verdict. He dislikes emotion in his visitors, as it upsets his power of concentration and disturbs the absolute quiet necessary for his work.

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Sunflowers, now produced in 100 species and known as one of the most decorative in the world, composed of "*many flowers pulled into a single head*" with the outer petals really separate blossoms "*acting as landing-fields for insects coming in for nectar*"—correspond to the spiritual values Spiritualism has for common, everyday living, lending grace, charm, and comfort to the life of the humblest of human beings.

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### *CANADIAN SPIRITUALISTS CELEBRATE AT LILY DALE*



*The picture above was taken at Lily Dale, N. Y., during the* **1946** *summer season. It shows a group of Canadian Spiritualists associated with The Britten Memorial Church, Toronto, Canada . . . with their pastor and leader, Rev. Mae Potts.*

*On their special "Canadian Day," not only were speakers and mediums featured but their entire church choir . . . the latter presenting a special program of song and music in the evening.*

### *New Summer Camp*

*Rev. Elizabeth Dennis,* minister for the *Temple of Wisdom Church,* 500 East 3th St., Baltimore, Maryland, reports numerous improvements being made at her new church headquarters. Her letter also outlines plans for a new summer spiritualist camp . . . to open in 1947. It will be located 28 miles from *Baltimore,* near *Pretyboy Dam,* on 116 acres of land recently donated to the church.

### *Tests For Mediums*

English mediums have their problems, too . . . the 211-years-old *Witch Craft Act* remains as a thorn in their side. A political correspondent for London's *Sunday Dispatch* shows his lack of knowledge about things psychic when he makes the following statement: "Tests to distinguish genuine mediums from fake performers are to be drawn up for consideration by Parliament.

"General ability to be the medium of spirits making contact with the living will be reduced to a scientific formula. It is probable that diplomas will be issued to accredited mediums, and that they will be registered for scientific purposes.

"The Commons will debate an application by the Spiritualists' Union for the repeal of the Act. The union is supported by some 40 M.P.s who say the Act cannot have any relation to present conditions.

"Spiritualists, in their application, say that mediums are essential for research work and claim that it should be easy to recognize genuine practitioners."

### *Time To Register*

The *Temple of Divine Occult Science* and *Institution of Learning,* opened its 42nd season at 217 S. E. 14th Ave., Portland, Oregon, according to *Ellen Matson,* Secretary. Registration closes late in October when classes, supervised by *Dr. Alfred Charles Wustrow,* will begin. The faculty will present classes in Metaphysics, Spiritual Art, Spiritual Applied Psychology, Astronomy, Astrological Science, Drugless Divine Healing, etc. Languages as well as High School courses are also taught. Special training will be given ministers, associate ministers, divine occult science students and spiritual psychiatrists.

### *Oakland Annual Conference*

According to *B. J. Fitzgerald,* president, the annual minister's conference of *The Universal Church of the Master,* opened October 13th, at 1440 Harrison St., Ebell Hall, in the city of *Oakland,* California.

### *Hanford Church Dedication*

Dedication services were held recently in the new home of *The Church of Revelation,* Hanford, California. *Rev. Janet Stine Wolford,* founder and pastor was assisted by co-worker, Mrs. H. F. *Schoemaker,* Homer *Mitchell,* Rev. Oscar *Hedenskog,* Rev. Helen *Ihland* and Rev. Bessie *Williams.*

In connection with the church the *Hanford Wedding Chapel* and the *Divine College of Christian Mysteries* have opened. The church, school and chapel is operated non-sectarian for the benefit of diversied faiths.

*Rev. Wolford* is well known for her psychic and healing power. Before going to *Hanford,* she was located at Long Beach, California, where she found the *Church of Revelation* sixteen years ago. During the year 1938 she opened the first wedding chapel in that city, known as the *Long Beach Wedding Chapel.*

*Rev. Wolford* is the wife of *Floyd H. Wolford* of rural *Hanford,* Rancher and Dairyman.

Services are held each Sunday and Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock and a cordial welcome is extended to all.

### *Minugh at Long Beach*

A clipping from The Long Beach Press Telegram submitted by Robert E. Kirby, 637 East Willow St., lists the activities of *The Church of Light and Truth,* 835 Ave., in that city. The article states that two prominent mediums have been scheduled recently: Rev. Carl R. *Minugh,* Tulsa, Oklahoma,—a sealed billet reader, and Rev. Jeron King *Criswell,* Hollywood, —lecturer and mental medium.

### *Telepathy Does Not Explain*

Many so-called psychic researchers seem to go off the deep end when it comes to their explanation of spirit communication. They explain everything away by shouting "*telepathy*" . . . and when hard-pressed can't even define the word.

As a matter of fact, telepathic communication between the minds of the living is pretty well established, but nothing could be more absurd than to put forward ordinary telepathy as the explanation of mediumistic communications. The common experience of sitters is that they do not get what they want most to hear and what they are thinking about at the time of the sitting. They even try to "throw" the thought out to the medium, who, in most cases, fails to be "*impressed.*" A common expression which really sums up the case is this: "*I was given a test message which nobody on earth knew but myself . . . and I hadn't thought of the matter for twenty years.*"

### *Christine Eddy Ill*

For many years, *Rev. Christine Eddy,* N. S. A., has been pastor and President of The *Universal Spiritualist Church,* Elmira, N. Y. Due to serious illness, *Rev. Eddy* has been obliged to give up her duties. She has moved to Rochester, N. Y., and her Elmira church has been taken over by President *Pauline Hamm,* 139 Cleveland Ave., Elmira, N. Y.


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# DOCTORS IN SPIRIT SPHERES

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Can it not restore as well as make one suffer? You have seen a woman prostrated because the knowledge came to her that her son was dead! Why should she not be restored if the knowledge came to her that he is alive?

"You have seen people made ill because of misfortune, poverty, misery or some sudden loss of money. Why should not the knowledge that money is not the real wealth restore them? That no adversity can overtake them unless they choose to call it adversity."

*Then I Knew*

*"Do you deny,"* I said, *"the physical cause and effect in the diseases of life, that certain specific forms of maladies are the result of distinct disease germs?"*

*"By no means,"* he said. *"Disease germs are one thing, their action upon human existence quite another. There may be millions of bacteria in a room, but if the human bodies in that room are well balanced, well conditioned, the bacteria might starve; they would find no sustenance in these well conditioned, well balanced, well poised organisms. Wherever the consciousness of the spirit can be acted upon to pervade the body so that every fiber, sinew and nerve are in direct accord with that spirit there can be no encroachment of disease."*

He opened up to me all that realm that had been closed; he revealed to my spirit the manifestations that had been in the world for fifty years now, that had brought this knowledge that healers endowed with this gift, but lacking in the very first elements of anatomical and physiological knowledge, had been able to cure disease where others had failed.

*"Educated" Doctors*

*"But,* I said, *"do you mean to say that it is right to let loose a lot of ignorant, uneducated people upon the world and to trust human beings to their lack of skill?"*

*"Oh,"* said he, "if you had never lost a patient you might talk like that. But when your *'educated'* doctors are called in to see a patient die, and when they, under their own treatment, lose a majority of their cases, it is not necessary for you to say anything about 'uneducated' people.

"The principal thing that you lack in this realm of causes is the result of your education. You have been educated in effects. You have been dabbling in results. Now listen: If one is endowed with the gift of healing and does not know one bone from another, it is a great deal better that the patient be healed than that he know the names of the bones and loses the patient.

*Operation Successful?*

"At the present time there are any number of states in that free country of yours, called America, where laws are passed prohibiting people from practicing medicine who have no diplomas from certain universities and colleges. At the same time, no doctor is fined for losing his patients. The treasury receives no increase from the great number of people that die under the doctors' hands.

"What a revenue it would be if the government could have something for every patient that dies under the care of a doctor. But if a person dies, who has been given up by all the 'regular' physicians, under the treatment of a *'faith curer,'* a *'mind curer,'* a *'spirit healer'* or a *'Christian scientist,'* there is the greatest hue and cry conceivable.

"Now people are beginning to think that they have just as good a right to die according to the dictates of conscience as to worship according to the dictates of conscience, and that if they feel more comfortable, if they feel in a better condition in the presence of the healer than in the presence of the regular M. D., they had rather have the healer.

*Shakers and Quakers*

"I am not a champion of ignorance," he said, "but the ignorance of spiritual principles is the prevalent epidemic on earth; and you were one of its victims," he said to me, and I was informed consequently, that everything I had learned must be unlearned.

"You must begin at the beginning, and now, instead of chemical analysis and atomic and molecular vibration begin with spirit, and from this side of life watch the influence of this great tide of spiritual life that is flowing out upon the people; no matter under what name, it existed with the Shakers and the Quakers. It was poured out upon earth in the Christian era.

"It began in the Orient. It was accepted among all people, and it is growing now to be an accepted fact. And the physicians, so far from denying it, are endeavoring to monopolize it; *'hypnotism,' 'mental suggestion'* along with electricity and that kind of psychological therapeutics that effects all this kind of healing."

*Some Doctors Know*

He continued: "With the right thoughts you will presently be able to be one of our healers." Then he pointed out to me many physicians who employed clairvoyants to diagnose the diseases of their patients and treated them with drugs; many physicians who employed healers to accompany them to impart the magnetism and health-giving action, while they pass through the semblance of healing by feeling the pulse and prescribing some harmless remedy.

"A great many doctors are beginning to realize that this spiritual force of healing is in the world," he said. "This realm is the realm of healing. We are not only busy curing minds that are afflicted that come here, but we are helping to cure the bodies and minds of those upon the earth."

He then told me that there were "little messengers" trained to be ministering spirits who bore messages of healing. He then told me that there were noble red men—every medium has an Indian control—who, having great powers of healing because of living close to nature when on earth, may be employed to give strength and vitality, and great healing, as they recognized in their earth life the power of healing.

*Spiritual Therapeutics*

He then told me that there were many mediums under the influence of this healing sphere of the spirit world whose lives were devoted to this ministration, who can heal the sick, and who can cast out the evils of minds that are disturbed; of spirits that are out of harmony with their bodies."

He said to me: "This great realm of life is gradually being opened unto the inhabitants of earth until instead of the corner drug-store and the curing of poison by the introducing of poison into the human system, and instead of the horrible new discoveries that are now supposed to be made of the inoculation of a disease for the cure of that disease; instead of the horrors of vaccination and vivisection; instead of the horrors of experiments upon helpless patients in hospitals, there will be such a hue and cry of indignation from the people, and such claim from the true spirit of healing that at last, the people on earth will call for this power of the spirit.

It is coming, the great tide and baptism of spiritual therapeutics. It is the regeneration of the mind that constitutes the first education and intelligent baptism of the body by the spirit, the pervading of the body by the spirit. There is no vibration of nerve, muscle, vein or pulsation of life that cannot be pervaded by the spirit, and health and strength will come as soon as the spirit is conscious of being healthful. When that is known sight will return to the blind, the deaf will hear, the lame will walk, and the morally decrepit and infirm will know the true way of life."

*Healthful Aspirations*

Talk about disease! The whole world has been taught to flee from death as from a shadow, as from a horror, and the skeleton in the closet of every human life was the place of death where loved ones had been assigned. But when death is known to be life, when those who have *"passed on"* are known to exist and to be present, what room is there for the fear of death?

And when the mind and body are attuned to healthful aspirations and pure desires, where is there room for disease? It is because of the light in this room that the shadow has departed. Those shadows over there in the corner do not come out into the room and say, *"I am stronger than you,"* to the light.

The great, pulsing orb of day mounts up the heavens with the morning's splendor, dispelling the shadows of the night because the light is stronger than the darkness, and even when the darkness is here, lo! yonder myriad worlds and sun, vibrant to the breath of Infinite love, respond and give their pulsing light.

*What Ingersoll Said . . .*

Health, happiness, knowledge, through wisdom and love are the light of the universe; and the healing sphere of spirit life draws near to baptise, strengthen, uplift and make manifest that which is in their power and possession. Reject not the hand of your little daughter who comes to you when you are weary with business cares and says: *"Papa, I can cure your headache."*

So she can; and the little charmer shows a new way, which is to love it away. Reject not the hand of wife, sister or friend, because in the hand inspired by love, hope and courage lies the great healing of the universe. Reject not these invisible presences, even though invisible, that draw near with faith to help when you are suffering.

Remember that there is more health than disease in the universe; that health comes in response to your need. So there is more life, and light, and beauty. When *Robert Ingersoll* said, if he had been God, he would have made health as contagious as disease, he forgot to state, that if health was not a billion times more contagious than disease there would not be a human being left to tell the story.

*We Must Not Yield*

It is because health is contagious and health-giving inherent that you are all here; that the human race is growing better, notwithstanding the sophisms, investigations and discoveries of men of science—I am ashamed to say that I once tried to be one—notwithstanding the insidious poisons introduced into the systems of babes to prevent disease; notwithstanding the noxious things taken into your bodies, the world is comparatively healthful; notwithstanding your horrible religious instruction, or theological instruction the world is camparatively happy.

If men believed in their souls that there was a place of eternal torment they would be bound to be insane, and every human being believing it would be bound to be unhappy; but that they are not is a credit to their human nature, and to their souls.

If human beings yielded to all the discouragements of disease, adverse conditions (added to which medical science has put upon humanity untold misery) there would be nothing left but disease.

Disease would be considered to be the natural state of man, and the most diseased would be considered to be the most triumphal life; but health is the inherent possession of the body as happiness is of the soul, and *when the soul, breathing its true spirit of life upon the body pervades and stamps it with its own image there will be no more sickness, pain, or (fear of) Death.*

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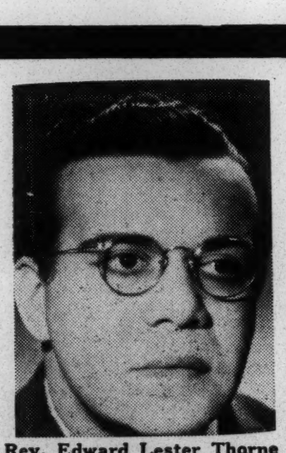
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